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MEMORANDUM

**SUBJECT: Request for FY 75 Contractual Funds to Support
the National Imagery Plan for Satellites (NIPS)**

1. The funds being requested are for study support to Annex A (Requirements), Part III, Long Range Perspectives and Estimates, 1980-1990. What Annex A, Part III must explore is:

a. A reasonable range of future trends in the 1980-1990 period with respect to international political, military, economic and social conditions and their interactions.

b. A comparative analytical view of the trend relationships to capabilities and mid-term planning directions in imagery, covering such items as substantive emphasis and priorities, technical direction and vulnerabilities, and operating conditions within imagery collection, exploitation and dissemination subsystems.

2. Conceptually the Part III task involves two sub-tasks as represented by paragraphs a. and b. above, with a single integrating methodology. It is planned to use the contractor as a developer/consultant on the Part III methodology and also conduct studies and analysis related to part 1a. above.

3. It is estimated that the primary contractor effort would cover 90 days beginning June 23 and the cost is estimated at \$35,000. Any additional support from the contractor would be made through a consultant arrangement.

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5. This contractual work also has applicability to other national plans in preparation for the DCI.

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